

CRANE BAY HUNTING CLUB



CRANE BAY HUNTING CLUB, INC.

P.O. Box 459

Cross City, FL 32628

AGREEMENTS - BY-LAWS - GAME AND GENERAL-RULES AND REGULATIONS

Agreements

Bugum Bay Still Hunt Club & Mill Swamp.

No member of Crane Bay Club may enter Bugum Bay or Mill Swamp at any time, unless he is accompanied by a Bugum Bay member and is unarmed.

California Club:

California Swamp Hunting Club members may enter the Crane Bay Hunting Club and Crane Bay Club members may enter the California Hunting Club under the following conditions: during regular hunting season for the purpose of retrieving or recovering their dogs or when in pursuit of a severely wounded deer and accompanied by a member of the club entered. Four gates will have the two club locks installed: Davis Island Main Line, Whiskey Still Road, Jeffrey Road, and Cannon Blaze Road.

Dip-N-Vat Club:

Crane Bay Hunting Club members may enter Dip-N-Vat Hunt Club and Dip-N-Vat Hunt Club members may enter Crane Bay Hunting Club.

1. To retrieve dogs during state dog training season and during General Gun season.
2. To pursue and kill legal buck deer and hogs and retrieve dogs and immediately return to their own club.

Members under the influence of alcohol or drugs cannot hunt either club.

"No 4-wheel ATVs will be permitted in Crane Bay Hunting Club during General Gun Season." Crane Bay Hunting Club and Dip-N-Vat Hunt Club enter into this agreement on March 31, 2001.

Shired Island Hunt Club:

Members of Crane Bay Hunting Club may enter Shired Island Club and Shired Island members may enter Crane Bay Club for the purpose of retrieving dogs and during general gun season, members may enter either club, pursue legal deer, kill deer, catch dogs, the return to mother club. No member or member's guest may hunt while in Crane Bay under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Shired Island visitors may not drive vehicles while in Crane Bay Club. All gates must remain closed when entering or leaving club. All vehicles entering Crane Bay Club must display club decal.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be **CRANE BAY HUNTING CLUB, INC.**

ARTICLE II - OBJECT

Objectives of this Social Recreational dog-running club shall be:

- (a) To provide opportunities for club members to engage in the sport of dog running and hunting.
- (b) To promote hunter safety.
- (c) To encourage the practice of good sportsmanship and compliance with local, state and federal game laws.
- (d) To support wildlife conservation programs and to assist wildlife management programs.
- (e) To strengthen landowner-hunter cooperation and understanding.
- (f) To increase the knowledge and practice of hunting skills, marksmanship and other outdoor recreation skills that is in harmony with the sport of hunting.
- (g) To cooperate with other organizations which share the objectives stated in paragraphs (a) through (f).

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Any citizen of the United States 18 years of age or older, may become a member of this organization on vote of the Executive Committee, and ratification by majority of the membership and payment of dues.

Membership begins June 1st(current year) and ends May 31th(following year).

Memberships are year to year, like the lease agreements.

All new members will be on probation for two years.

Membership does not guarantee membership renewal.

Club members will also subscribe to the Hunter's Code of Ethics as follows:

- (a) I will consider myself an invited guest of the landowner, seeking his permission, and so conducting myself that I may be welcome in the future.
- (b) I will obey the rules of safe gun handling and will courteously but firmly insist that others who hunt with me do the same.
- (c) I will obey all game laws and regulations and will insist that my companions do the same.
- (d) I will do my best to acquire those marksmanships and hunting skills, which assure clean, sportsmanlike kills.
- (e) I will support conservation efforts, which can ensure good hunting for future generations of America.
- (f) I will pass along to younger hunters the attitudes and skills essential to a true outdoor sportsman.
- (g) I will abide by all the terms included in the Leases, Agreements or Licenses signed by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV - DUES

(a) Dues will be announced as soon as the Club gets Lease from Landowners.

(b) No member of the club in arrears shall be eligible to vote or to enjoy any other of the privileges or benefits offered by this club.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

(a) Annual Meeting - The annual meeting shall be held on the first Saturday of May³ each year at a site to be announced, at 7:30 p.m. in Cross City or surrounding area.

(b) General Meeting - The general meeting shall be held on the first Saturday of February each year at a site to be announced, at 7:30 p.m. in Cross City or surrounding area.

(c) Special Meeting. A special meeting of the club may be held at any time upon the call of the President or upon the Executive Committee, or upon demand in writing, stating the object of the proposed meeting and signed by not less the 20 percent of the member entitled to vote. Notice of the time, place and object of any special meeting shall be given all officers and members in good standing in writing by United States mail not less than 15 days prior to the date fixed for the holding of the meeting. The place of such special meeting shall be fixed by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

(a) The officers of this club shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three board members, who, acting together shall constitute the Executive Committee. They shall be elected by a majority vote by ballot of the members in good standing. They shall hold office for two years or until their successors are elected. (The offices of secretary and treasurer may be combined.) All officers must be twenty-one years of age or older.

(b) The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the day-to-day activities and business of the club, subject to meeting approval or disapproval of the general membership. The Executive Committee may make agreements with other organizations and individuals to carry out objectives of the club.

(c) Meeting of the Executive Committee shall be held regularly as such time and place as the Committee may determine, Special meetings may be held at any time on the call of the President.

(d) Resignation of any officer may be accepted by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Committee.

(e) A vacancy in the Executive committee may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Committee. However, if more than one vacancy exists, a special meeting of the club shall be called, and new officers shall be elected to fill the vacancies until the date of the next annual meeting.

ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

(a) President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the Executive Committee. He shall be a member ex-officio of all regular and special committees and shall perform all such other duties as usually pertain to his office.

(b) Vice-President. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence or at his request.

(c) Secretary. The Secretary shall conduct all official correspondence. He shall notify the members of the Executive Committee of all meetings and shall notify the members of the special and annual meetings, as required in Article V.

He shall keep a true record of all meetings of the Executive Committee and of the club and have custody of books and papers of the club, except the Treasurer's books of account. All applications for membership of the club shall be made to the Secretary.

(d) Treasurer. The treasurer shall be in charge of all funds of the club and place the same in such bank or banks of the club as may be approved by the Executive Committee. Such money shall only be withdrawn by check signed by the Treasurer, Secretary or online bill pay and or the payment of such bills as shall have been approved by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all his transactions and submit a financial statement to the secretary to be read to members attending the meeting. He shall be responsible for the collection of all fees and dues.

(e) All board members will vote to hire any work to be done in Crane Bay Hunting Club on any money spent with the exception of paying the lease and Insurance or any materials the secretary has to send out to board members.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

Any proposed amendments to these by-laws may be introduced by any member of the club at any regular meeting, or special meeting called for that purpose. They must be acted upon by the club membership at a regular meeting or special meeting called for the purpose, provided a copy of the approved amendments has been sent to each club member by United States mail at least 10 days previous to the meeting. A two-thirds vote of the members' present will be necessary to pass or reject it.

Article IX – Rules

Any rule proposal shall be submitted to the Executive Committee by the general meeting in February. If approved by the Executive Committee, it will be placed on a ballot to be voted on at the Annual meeting in May.

I hereby certify that these by-laws have been adopted by this club.

Game Rules and Regulations

Crane Bay Hunting Club follows all rules set forth by the Florida Wildlife Commission. See exceptions below:

- a) No taking of doe deer unless approved by the Executive Committee.
- b) No spikes can be killed in Crane Bay Hunting Club.
- c) No game cameras are allowed in Crane Bay hunting Club.

Licenses

All members and guest of Crane Bay Hunting Club must have a valid Florida Hunting License and obey all club rules, Federal and State laws.

Alcohol/Drugs

Drinking alcoholic beverages or transporting or manufacturing drugs is not allowed on club property. No hunter shall consume or be under the influence of alcohol or drugs while hunting or at any club activities.

Vehicles:

- a) Members and dependents must have a valid driver's license, current tag and vehicle insurance while operating vehicle or UTV on the club property. UTV (Utility Vehicles must have insurance.)
- b) Each member's vehicle will display the club decal mounted on the driver side lower left of the front windshield or receive a \$100.00 fine levied by the board.
- c) Vehicles shall not be parked in such manner as to obstruct roads or fire lanes.

All-terrain vehicles:

No atv's or motorcycles allowed in club per landowner. No e-bikes are allowed on Hancock Property.

Utility Terrain Vehicles:

A member may use a UTV during the General Gun season as long as the vehicle is covered by auto Insurance, weighs more than 1,900 pounds, equipped with side-by-side seating with seat belts, steering wheel and stop lights.

Campsite Rules:

- a) The LANDOWNER, The Dixie County Health Department and Crane Bay Hunting Club will not allow any camper to discharge sewage, dishwater, or any substance through the discharge line into an underground bucket, can, drum, or uncovered hole. There will be a \$100.00 fine for violation. Member can face possible expulsion from club for continued violation.
- b) No parking of campers in such way that would block through traffic. All camps must display members' name, addresses, and phone number.
- c) Camping is limited to designated campsites. Campsites must be left clean, and all garbage must be hauled out of club area and disposed of properly when leaving. Any member caught littering on club property will be fined
- d) All hunting dogs must remain confined in pens unless being hunted. Owners must be in club, and dogs are the responsibility of their owners.
- e) SPEEDING - At no time inside campsite.
- f) No shooting inside or within 250 yards of campsites.
- g) Members wishing to camp at club campsites must pay a fee. Fee amount will be determined by the Board.

Feeders:

- a) All feed must be fed in the club provided feed stations.
- b) No hunting turkeys within 150 yards of a feeder.

Still Hunting Rules:

- a) Each club member is allowed 2 tree stands.
- b) No personal feeders, food plots or cameras allowed.
- c) Club members will put their names and phone numbers on their tree stands. If there is no name on the tree stand, then anyone can put up a stand in the area.
- d) Stands cannot be within 150 yards of another active stand without the owner's permission.
- e) The use of nails/screws or any fasteners in any tree is prohibited.
- f) A fine can be levied by the Executive Committee for sitting in someone else's tree stand without the owner's permission.

Visitors:

- a) Visitors are permitted. Members are responsible for obtaining a guest pass for visitors before entering the club. Passes can be obtained from the Executive Committee. If bought 2 weeks prior to general gun season, guest passes are \$50. After that, they are \$100. Failure to do so, the member will be subjected to a fine equal to current dues and application fee levied by the board.
- b) Guests may hunt seven days or a different guest each day for seven days. They must ride in the club member's vehicle and will be the responsibility of the club member. Each member is responsible for informing the visitor the rules of the club. Violations by a visitor will be charged to the club member.
- c) No visitors during archery, muzzleloading, spring turkey or the first 9 days of general gun season.
- d) Visitors wishing to park vehicle in club while guest of member must park at designated areas. Campsites, rock pits on Hudson 19, dog pen at Road 30 and Kirby Road intersection, or Horseshoe Road and Hudson 19 intersection.
- e) Members may have one (1) non-paying guest ride in member's vehicle but said vehicle may have only one (1) firearm.
- f) All active military personnel of a club member may hunt for free and drive own vehicle, while home on leave, but are required to pay club insurance and obtain a guest receipt.

General:

- a) Cutting, destroying, or damaging timber, cattle, fences, gates and all personal property is prohibited.
- b) Cutting Swamp Cabbage from the Conservation area is prohibited.
- c) No interference with any work program of Landowners, Timber Company, or Their Contractors.
- d) Leaving gates, horse gates, cattle gap and equipment gates open is prohibited.
- e) All gates must be locked after entering or leaving club area with the exception of general gun season. A \$100.00 fine and loss of the first nine days of hunting in General Gun season will be assessed for failure to do so.
- f) Vehicles should be parked on the same side of road that dogs are running on. If another group is already there, park on the same side they are on. This permits a safe zone for everyone to shoot in
- g) While outside your vehicle during a race, stand next to your vehicle with the passenger door closed.
- h) Do not walk in the woods without other members of your hunting party knowing you will be out there.

Landowner Rules

Per Hunter Safety and Ethics of the landowners' lease agreement: Members hunting during a modern gun or muzzleloader deer season must wear a hat and an outer garment, above the waist, of hunter orange that totals 400 square inches. Failure to comply with this Landowner's rule will result in fine. Fines must be paid before returning to property.

- (a) First offense: \$25 fine.
- (b) Second offense: \$50 fine.
- (c) Third offense: Loss of hunting privileges for 2 weeks.
- (d) Any offenses after the 3rd offense will result in loss of any hunting privileges on Crane Bay Lease.

Per Landowners NO SWIMMING IN ANY PITS AT ANY TIME.

Per landowners No warming fires in woods.

Insurance: All motorized vehicles, licensed or unlicensed, used on the Lands shall be insured at the minimum limits required by the state, at sole expense of Lessee, proof of which shall be provided upon request.

MEMBER INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT:

WHEREAS, Crane Bay Hunting Club (Lessee) has entered into a Hunting Lease ("Lease") with "The Landowner", through its manager The Campbell Group. LLC, and Manulife Forest Management (Lessor) concerning the "Lands" as described in that Lease and each guest/member/invitee of Lessee and desires to use the Lands for the purposes of hunting as authorized by the Lease.

NOW THEREFORE, each member / invitee individually agrees as follows, (by signing Application, Sign in Sheet or by Letter):

1. That Lessor, its agents, servants, employees and representatives have made no representations regarding the suitability of the Lands for the purpose of hunting, the relative safety or risks and hazards of entering upon said Lands and/or risks associated with participating in such activities. The member is fully aware of the general risks and hazards associated with the activities of hunting, and/or traversing improved and unimproved terrain and voluntarily has elected to enter upon said Lands, appreciating that the condition of the Lands may be and/or become hazardous or dangerous either with regard to the physical condition of the Lands and/or the hunting and related activities thereon.
2. The member understands and agrees that in furtherance of his/her safety (and that of others) the Member shall comply with all federal, state or local laws, rules and regulations, including but not limited to hunting laws and regulations.
3. The member, for himself/herself, his/her heirs, executors and administrators agrees to indemnify and save harmless Lessor, its agents, servants, employees, representatives, contractors, insurers, successors and assigns from and against any and all claims, demands, loss, damage, expenses (including without limitation, attorney's fees, and costs), litigation, injuries, deaths, property damage and liabilities resulting from or in any way arising out of the exercise of the Lease and use of the Lands. As a part of this indemnification, guest/member/invitee of Lease agrees, upon request by Lessor, to assume, without expense to Lessor and with counsel approved by Lessor, the defense of any such claim, demand, action or cause of action, including the payment of all attorney's fees, expert witness fees, and any and all other costs. This paragraph shall survive the termination of this Lease.

Board:

President – Doyle Ridgeway

Vice President – Joseph "Howdy" Turner

Treasurer – Keith Rollison

Secretary - Patrick Neenan

Directors:

D.H. Higginbotham

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